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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TSPA

SUBJECT: NASA STATION ISSUE

REF: (A) STATE 009120, (B) TANANARIVE 0115,  
(C) TANANARIVE 2047

1. NASA AND DEPARTMENT CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS  
NO LEGAL OBLIGATION OR AGREEMENT FOR ANY USG PAYMENT TO  
GDRM, AND THAT ALL STATION EQUIPMENT IS THE PROPERTY OF  
THE USG. .

2. HOWEVER, IF AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE CAN BE REACHED  
EXPEDITIOUSLY, NASA PREPARED AS STRICTLY GOOD WILL GESTURE,  
TO MAKE PAYMENT OF UP TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS PER  
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YEAR FOR TWO YEARS DURING TIME STATION WAS IN OPERATION  
WITHOUT FORMAL AGREEMENT BASED BROADLY ON UNSIGNED 1974  
AGREEMENT AND RECENT SOLOFOSON'S OFFER.

3. AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WOULD INVOLVE GDRM ASSURANCES  
THAT:

(A) NASA PERSONNEL ARE PERMITTED FREE AND UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO STATION TO DETERMINE CONDITION OF EQUIPMENT (INCLUDING OPERATION OF EQUIPMENT IF REQUIRED TO DETERMINE CONDITION), AND

(B) PACKING AND SHIPPING OF NASA EQUIPMENT WOULD BE UNHINDERED AND EXPORT PROCEDURES EXPEDITED.

4. ANY NASA PAYMENT, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON CONDITION OF EQUIPMENT. IF EQUIPMENT HAS NOT DETERIORATED SIGNIFICANTLY, NASA WOULD MAKE PAYMENT OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND WOULD PRESS NO CLAIM AGAINST GDRM FOR THE CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE TO NASA CAUSED BY UNWARRANTED SEIZURE OF THE STATION BY THE GDRM. HOWEVER, IF THE EQUIPMENT HAS DETERIORATED SIGNIFICANTLY, NASA WOULD MAKE NO PAYMENT AND WOULD CONSIDER THE LOSS OF EQUIPMENT VALUE AS OFF-SETTING GOOD WILL PAYMENT DISCUSSED IN PARA 2.

5. NASA WOULD AGREE TO LEAVE EQUIPMENT PREVIOUSLY OFFERED TO GDRM.

6. ANY DOLLAR SETTLEMENT, IF MADE, WOULD BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO OUR LEGAL POSITION.

7. REQUEST POST DESCRIBE ABOVE OFFER TO SOLOFOSON AND ADVISE.

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